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**EVENING STAR** 

GOING DOWN HILL.

BY SOLOMAN HOWERT.

fence, in one of his daily walks.

was trimmed tidy '

ward path "

good service."

themselves."

" That looks bad," exclaimed farmer White

"I have generally employed him for my-

ertheless, I believe I shall step into Jack

never to patronize those who appear to be

running behind hand. There is generally

some risk in helping those who do not help

"Very true; and as my wife desired me to see about a pair of shoes for her this morning.

will fellow your example and call upon

Smith. He is no great favorite of mine, how-

"And yet he seems to be getting ahead in

the world," answered the farmer, and I am

willing to give him a lift. But I have an er-

rand at the butcher's-step in with me for a

At the butcher's they met the neighbor who

had been the subject of their previous con-

versation. He certainly presented rather a

shabby appearance, and in his choice of meat

there was a regard to economy which did not

escape the observation of farmer White Af

ter a few passing remarks, the poor shoemaker

took his departure, and the butcher opened

his account book with a somewhat anxious air,

"I believe it is time that neighbor Thomp

on and I come to a settlement. Short ac-

"No time to lose, I should say," remarked

"Indeed! Have you heard of any trouble

"Quite right; and I will send in my bill

"Speaking of Thompson, are you?" ob-

Here the four worthies separated, each with

is not Mrs. Thompson, the sheemaker's wife,

coming up the steps with a parcel in her hand.

She wants to engage me to do her spring work,

suppose, but I think it would be a venture

Every one says they are running down hill,

prosperity. I cannot afford to run any risks.'

further conversation. She was evidently sur-

prised at the refusal of Mrs Bennett to do any

work for her, but as great pressure of business

was pleaded as an excuse, there was nothing

to be said, and she soon took leave. Another

application proved equally unsuccessful It

was strange how busy the village dress-makers

On her return home, the poor shoemaker's

wife met the teacher of a small school in the

"Ah! Mrs. Thompson, I am glad to see

"Our account!" was the surprised reply

"Only half of it, but my present rule is to

collect my money at that time. It is a plan

which many teachers have adopted of late "

hill. I must get rid of the children in some

way. Perhaps I may get a pair of shoes or

two for payment for the half quarter, if I

manage right, but it will never do to go on in

"Is it his usual time for settling?" was

"Well, not exactly, but money is very tight

just now, and I am anxious to get in all that

again the surprised inquiry.

evening. It's but a small affair.'

winter. I cannot understand it

fully pursued her way towards home.

trouble seems to pour in upon him."

neatly folded paper and disappeared.

the other from the teacher."

you," was the salutation. "I was about call-

to settle our little account this afternoon ?"

"Surely, the term has not yet expired!"

neighborhood, where two of her children at

The entrance of Mrs. Thompson prevented

and its a chance if I ever get my pay."

saying, as he charged the bit of meat:

counts make long friends."

evidently going down hill."

care of number one."

scenes were passing.

had suddenly become

pocket."

the reply.

tended.

this wav.

family stores.

neighbor White?"

ever-an idle, quarrelsome fellow."

moment, I will not detain you "

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with an expressive shake of the head, as he satisfy these claims; but to meet them now is passed a neglected garden and broken down impossible, and the acknowledgment of my inability will send us still further on the down-"Bad enough," was the reply of the com-panion to whom the remark was addressed ward path." "We must do our best and trust in Provi-Neighbor Thompson appears to be running dence," was the consolatory remark of his down hill pretty fast. I can remember the

wife, as a second knock at the door arensed time when everything around his little place the fear that another claimant was about to "It is quite the contrary now," returned the farmer. "House, out buildings, and But the benevolent countenance of Uncle Joshua, a rare but ever welcome visitor, pregrounds all show the want of the master's sented itself. Seating himself in the comfortcare. I am afraid Thompson is in the down-

able chair which Mary hastened to hand him, he said, in his somewhat occentric but friendly "He always appeared to be a steady, in-dustrious man," rejoined the second speaker "Well, good folks, I understand that the "I have a pair of boots on my feet at this moment of his make, and they have done me

formerly. What is the trouble?" self and family," was the reply, "and I must confess that he is a good workman; but, nev-Smith's, this morning, and order a pair of boots that I need. I always make it a rule

> "But there lies the difficulty, friend Thompon. This is a selfish world; everybody, or at least a great majority, care only for number one. If they see a poor neighbor going down hill, their first thought is whether it will affeet their own interests, and provided they can secure themselves, they care not how soon he goes to the bottom The only way is to keep

" Very true, Uncle Joshua; but how is this to be done? Bills which I did not expect to be called upon to meet for the next three months are pouring in upon me; my best customers are leaving me for a more fortunate rival-in shert, I am on the brink of ruin, and nought but a miracle can save me

then, I imagine, my good friend. What is the amount of these debts which press so heavily upon you; and how soon, in the common course of events, could you discharge them?" "They do not exceed one hundred dollars,"

"We will say six," was the answer. "I will advance you one hundred and fifty dollars for six months." Pay every cent that you awe, and with the remainder of the money make some slight addition or improvement in your shop or house, and put everything about the grounds in its usual neat order. Try this plan for a few weeks, and we will see what effect it has upon our worthy neighbors. No, no, never mind thanking me. I am only trying a little experiment on human

served a by-stander, who appeared to take an Weeks passed by. The advice of uncle interest. "Going down hill, is he? I must Joshua had been followed, and the change in look out for myself, then. He owes me quite the shoemaker's prospects was indeed wondera snug sum for leather. I did intend to give ful. He was now spoken of as one of the most him another month's credit; but, on the whole, thriving men in the village, and many mar-I guess the money would be assafe in my own vellous stories were told to account for the sudden alteration in his affairs. It was generally agreed that a distant relative had behis mind filled with the affairs of neighbor queathed to him a legacy which had entirely

Old customers and new ones crowded in

"Just as I expected," exclaimed Uncle Joshua, rubbing his hands exultingly, as the grateful shoemaker called upon him, at the to be ascending and just as ready to push him everything around you wear an air of pros-

And with a satisfied air, uncle Joshua placed his money in his pocket-book, ready to meet some other claim upon his benevolence, whilst

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rangements to meet the bill at the usual time. I fear it would not be in my power to do so 12. She riseth with day and prepareth breakfast for her household; yea, before the The countenance of the teacher showed sun has risen she hath her maidens at work. great disappointment, and as she passed on in 13 She seeketh wool and flax, and layeth a different direction, she muttered to herself : her hand willingly to the spindle, while her "Just as I expected. I shall never get a right hand merrily turneth the wheel. cent. Everybody says they are going down 14 She looketh well to the way of her fam-

ly. and eateth not the bread of idleness. 16. By her industry her cheeks are made uddy like the rose of Sharon, yea, her nerves are strengthened, so that when she heareth talk of hysterics, she marveleth thereat. A little discomposed by her interview with 17. Her house is the habitation of neatness.

the teacher, Mrs. Thompson stepped into a so that the heart of her husband is refreshed when he enters into her chamber. 18. She maketh fine linen and selleth it. and delivereth much fine cloth to the mer-

> him clothes of silk and purple. 29 Her children rise up and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praiseth her.

is due me In future, I intend keeping short SCARLET FEVER .- The bills of mortality in accounts. Here is your little bill, if you would almost all the large cities continue to attest like to look at it. I will call around this the a arming prevalence of this frightful scourge of the young, and even the smaller towns and rural districts seem to be unusually affected. We do not open a paper hardly that is not freighted with the burden of calamity, and the daily reports in our own midst a imonish us that we are not exempt from a share in the general affliction. For some years past the annual recurrence of this disease at this season has baffled the skill of the medical profession, and the present winter it seems to have arrived at a climax Three and even more children in some quarters fall victims to the scourge in a single family, and instances are not rare of its communication to adults. And not only is the fatality occasioned by this fearful disease most distressing, but even when the unfortunate sufferer escapes with his life he is frequently left with injured

> "I say, old boy!" cried Paul Pry, to an excavator, whom he espied at the bottom of a yawning gulf, "what are you digging there?" "A big hole," the old boy replied. Paul was not to be put off in this fashion. "What are you going to do with the hole?" he asked. "Going to cut it up into small

world does not go quite as well with you as "There need be no trouble, sir," was the reply, "if man would not try to add to the afflictions which the Almighty sees to be necessary for us. The winter was a trying onewe met with sickness and misfortunes, which we endeavored to bear with patience. All would now go well, if those around me were not determined to push me into the downward

up appearances—show no signs of going be-hindhand, and all will go well with you."

"A miracle which is very easily wrought,

replied the shoemaker; "and with my usual run of work I could make all right in three or four months.'

"No, I have heard nothing; but a man has the use of his own eyes, you know; and I never trust any one with my money who is this evening I have only delayed on account of the sickness the poor man has had in his family all winter. I suppose he must have run behind hand a little, but still I must take nature. I know you of old, and have no doubt that my money is safe in your hands."

Thompson, the probability that he was going relieved him of his pecuniary difficulties. down hill, and the best way of giving him a

upon him They had never before realized In another part of the little village similar the beauty and durability of his work. The polite butcher selected the best pieces of meat "I declare !" exclaimed Mrs. Bennett, the for his inspection, as he entered, and was todress maker, to a favorite, as she hastily withtally indifferent as to the time of payment. The dealer in leather called to inform him drew her head from the window whence she had been gazing on the passers by, "if there that his best hides awaited his orders The teacher accompanied the children home to tea, and spoke in high terms of their improvement, pronouncing them among her best scholars The dress-maker suddenly found herself free from the great press of work, and in a friendly note expressed her desire to oblige Mrs. "She always has paid us promptly," was Thompson in any way in her power "True; but that was in the days of her

> expiration of six months, with the money which had been loaned in the hour of need. Just as I expected. A strange world! They are ready to push a man up hill, if he seems down, if they fancy that his face is turned that way. In future, neighbor Thompson, let perity, and you will be sure to prosper.

> he whom he had thus befriended, with light steps and cheerful countenance, returned to

"I was not aware that there had been any change in your rules, and I have made ar-Verse 10 Behold a virtuous woman, for her price is above rubies.

grocery to purchase some trifling article of "I have a little account against you Will it be convenient for Mr Thompson to settle it this evening?" asked the civil shopkeeper, as he produced the desired article. 19. Her husband is known in the gates by the fineness of his apparel, for she maketh

"Thirty dollars is no small sum to us just now," thought Mrs. Thompson, as she thought-"It seems strange that all these payments must be met just now, while we are struggling to recover from the heavy expenses of the Her perplexity was increased upon finding her husband with two bills in his hand, and a countenance expressive of anxiety and con-"Look, Mary," he said, as she entered "Here are two unexpected calls for moneyone from the doctor, and the other from the dealer in leather from whom I purchased my last stock. They are both very urgent for immediate payment, although they have alsight or hearing In view of these sad facts we can only repeat the warning to be diligent in all possible precautions. ways been willing to wait a few months until could make arrangements to meet their claims. But misfortunes never come single, and if a man once gets a little behind hand,

"Just so," replied the wife. "The Leigh bors think we are going down hill, and every one is ready to give us a push; here are two more bills for you-one from the grocer and Reply was prevented by a knock at the door, and the appearance of a lad who presented a "The butcher's account, as I live!" ex them to farmers for gate posts."